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Some time ago the Planter's Association offered prizes to inventors for a number of machines that would be useful in working cane. A cane loader was among them. Several plans of machines of various sorts have been received by the Association since then from the mainland, but none that have met with approval so far. In the meantime W. W. Ricker of this city has perfected a cane loader which seems to be a practical success and is already in use here.

The Ricker cane loader is a hoisting machine somewhat resembling the machines used in gravel mining. The machine consists of a donkey engine set on a car with wheels of 36-inch gauge. On the car platform is placed a large drum and a 40 foot iron crane which stands nearly upright, but which can be lowered when working to cover a radius of forty feet. A steel wire is wound round the drum, one end of which runs through a pulley at the top of the crane. The platform on which the engine, drum and crane stands is movable, and can be turned completely round by power from the engine. When at work the loader stands forty feet from the track on which the cane cars stand. The crane within a radius of 150 feet from the loader is tied in bundles of from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, and the platform and crane is turned automatically till the crane points toward the desired pile of cane and stops. The wire is then unwound from the drum until the end of it, on which there is a grabhook, is caught in the rope with which the cane is tied. The motion of the drum is reversed and the wire rope wound up till the cane swings clear of the ground and at a sufficient height to load into the car, and the crane is swung round until it is directly over the car to be loaded, when the drum is reversed and the crane is lowered into the car, and the engine, drum and crane are swung around again till the crane points to the pile of cane, when the wire rope is again paid out till it reaches the cane.

By this it will be seen the saving consists in the carrying of the cane to the cane cars. It would be practically impossible to devise a machine which would pick up the cane.

The cane loader carries its own track with it, in sections, and as it moves forward in the field it simply swings its crane behind it, picks up a 12 foot section of track and then swings round again, with the track dangling to the end of the crane, and lowers it in the desired place in front. By this means it is readily and quickly moved forward by its own power. The entire radius of the reach of the loader is 300 feet, being 150 feet on either side. A force of ten men are required to operate the loader, which includes the piling of the cane and placing it on the cane cars. A cane car with slanting sides is preferable to one with perpendicular sides.

The motive power of the engine is crude petroleum, of which it consumes about twelve gallons in twelve hours. This is the only crude oil engine on the islands. The loader is all iron and indestructible by fire, as was demonstrated some days ago, the loader having passed through the Pala cane fire without a particle of damage.

The machine was manufactured by the Brown Hoisting Machinery Company, of Cleveland, and can be delivered on the islands for about \$6,000.

The Ricker cane loader is peculiarly well adapted for clearing the ground of rocks, and in the off season could be very profitably employed for that purpose.

LAHAINA MAIL.

Laehaina, August 3.—For over two weeks, up to last Saturday morning, Laehaina received mail every day from passing steamers.

ON MAUI.

The Misses Adams of Kamehameha are visiting Maui as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Aiken.

PORTO RICAN AGAINST NEGRO.

Walluku, August 3.—Garfield Cooper, the colored Tennessee boy who has recently been quite noticeable in the ranks of the Salvation Army in Walluku, was the victim of a somewhat serious assault at the hands of Thomas Kinion, a Porto Rican, about noon on Thursday. Garfield was officiating as water boy for a gang of Porto Rican and Japanese plantation laborers, and while distributing water he states that he was struck from behind with a hoe in the hands of Kinion. Turning to see whence the blow came, Kinion struck him again with his fist, and then attempted to hit him again with the hoe, but was prevented by other Porto Ricans.

SALVATION ARMY.

Seventh Anniversary was Celebrated at Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

The seventh anniversary of the beginning of Salvation Army work in the islands was celebrated last night at Y. M. C. A. hall. Officers were present from all the islands except Hawaii. Col. George French, the superintendent of the Coast division, was present. One of the hopes expressed for the work for the immediate future was that a suitable barracks for headquarters of the army in Honolulu would be secured.

The reports for the year show 537 converts and a circulation of 101,762 War Cries, printed in English, German, Spanish and Japanese. There have been held 1194 open air meetings and nearly 1,000 indoor meetings. The total attendance at meetings is estimated at 64,382.

It is hoped to secure a parcel of land at Kakaala for the establishment of a Salvation Army farm.

Captain McGowan of Waima, Kauai reported on the work done there for the Porto Ricans. This is the only place where systematic work for this

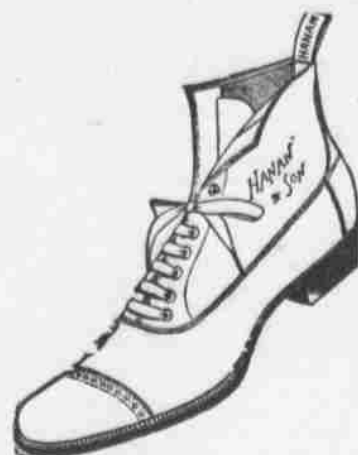
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new class of immigrants is being done. Captain Lewis of Kauai and Captain Bamberg of Maui reported on the work in their respective islands.

Col. French urged that the special Salvation Army system of work for seamen be taken up as speedily as possible.

Major Harris of the Junior Department and Major Wood of this Territory leave soon for a tour of the other islands. Col. French will sail for the coast by the Sonoma.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY WORK.

Hawaiian Experiment Regarded as
Very Important.

The test of wireless telegraphy between the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and the shore at the boat steamed out of the port of New York is said to have been satisfactory as an experiment. Success was achieved in all respects, and details, and it is predicted that when the New York Herald's station is opened on the Nantucket shoals lightship it will be possible for incoming and outgoing ships to keep in telegraphic communication with the world ashore for three or four hours.

Similar experiments have been made on the other side of the ocean, but probably the Marconi system has never been put to a more practical use than in the establishment of telegraphic communication between the Hawaiian Islands. The two most important towns of the group, Honolulu and Hilo, are between two and three hundred miles apart, and a formidable ocean barrier has kept them isolated from each other. Now, however, they have been brought close together by this new development in telegraphy. There is a station on the island of Oahu, another on the island of Hawaii and a connection is made through intervening islands. Messages are exchanged without difficulty though there are some pretty long jumps between stations, and this genuine air line is a great convenience and of great value to shipping and other interests.

The inauguration of the system among the islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence which is announced for the near future should be equally practical and wherever similar conditions are found important developments may be expected. There is, in fact, an immense opportunity for the application of wireless telegraphy in spite of its limitations. Though it has not the great reach of the submarine cable it should become a very useful auxiliary and supplement to that marvelous invention.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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